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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Fat Can-dles" (fat salvage) ... Information from the Office of Supply, Commodity Credit Corporation, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Many sayings...both real and fictitious...have been attributed to Confucius ...but if there is any one genuine Confucius proverb...that applies today...it's this: "It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness".

People often think that the little they can do...in many situations...will be of almost no importance. Some homemakers...for example...think that the small amount of used kitchen fats...they can salvage...won't help the great need for these products. A review of the total picture...however...tells a different story.

The darkness that is more easily cursed than remedied...is a world-wide shortage of fats and oils. No major improvement...in our own domestic supply... is likely until late spring or summer of 1946. By then...lard production...from 1945 pigs...probably will be a little larger...than it was this spring. Also... America should be getting some supply from the Philippine Islands...by next year.

European import demand...will be unusually strong...until the summer of 1946 ...when harvest of the 1946 crops will begin. Tentative allocations...therefore, call for a large supply to be sent out of world supplies...to Europe...but actual United States shipments...will probably be considerably less than half the pre-war average.

In addition...to the usual demands...the Army needs as much fat and oils as it can get...to help make explosives, lubricants, and products to care for its wounded...and to speed victory.

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This is the part of the darkness...that your one little candle can help. True...there isn't anything you can do about the total shortage...but you can do something about the Army needs...because the Armed Forces can use every teaspoon of used kitchen fats...that you have.

They need large supplies...but there is no relatively large amounts of fats and oils these days. It is the little bit...that every homemaker can find and save...that is going to help the situation.

When you save every drop...it adds up...and before too long...you'll have a pound...to turn in at your butcher's. That means you'll have the satisfaction of helping to speed victory...and you'll also have something else...for your butcher will give you two red points...and up to four cents...for every pound of used kitchen fats you turn in.

Money...even four cents...always comes in handy...and red points are more appreciated than ever now...with butter 24 points a pound...and margarine 14 points.

Well...that's the picture up to date...it's not a glowing one...but it's not one which should be cursed...and left. It's a picture that the American homemaker can help a little...and in so doing...help herself too.

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